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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN.

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Vital Statistics and Sanitation of your district for the year ended 31st. December, 1943.

The Minister of Health again recommends that this, as in previous war years, be a brief report, hence only essential and urgent matters appertaining to Public Health will be mentioned.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area of Rural District in Acres.....45,064
Resident Population..... 9,189
Number of Inhabited Houses..... 2,629
Sum represented by a penny rate.....£324.4.1

The chief Industry is Agriculture and other Industries are Lime Burning and General Quarrying. Many of the population are engaged in works in Darlington Borough and in the Urban District of Shildon.

STATISTICS

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATE.

The number of live Births in the district was..... 154

Live Births	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	142	79	63
Illegitimate	12	4	8

The Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population is 16.75

The Birth Rate for England and Wales is 16.5.

Still Births	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 of estimated population is 0.30

The Rate for England and Wales is 0.51.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATE

During 1943 there were 111 deaths registered, 55 Male and 56 Female.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Cerebro - Spinal Fever.....	1	-
Scarlet Fever.....	1	-
Diphtheria..	-	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	2	1
Influenza.....	-	2
Cancer.....	3	6
Diabetes.....	1	1
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions.....	6	8
Heart Disease.....	18	15
Bronchitis.....	3	5
Pneumonia.....	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach.....	1	-
Diarrhoea under two years.....	1	-
Other Digestive Disturbances....	1	2
Appendicitis.....	-	1
Nephritis.....	1	5
Premature Birth.....	2	1
Congenital Malformation and Birth Injuries.....	2	-
Suicide	2	-
Road Traffic Accidents.....	-	3
Other Violent Causes.....	2	2
All other Causes.....	8	2

The Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 12.07.

The Death Rate for England and Wales is 12.1.

COMPARABILITY FACTOR

The variety and magnitude of local population movements and the uneven incidence of civilian war deaths have together combined to frustrate the attempt to secure comparability between local death rates by the use of the Areal Comparability Factors and the preparation and issue of such factors are being suspended under present conditions by the Registrar General.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

It is satisfactory to note that there were again no deaths from Puerperal Causes during 1943.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths of Infants under one year of age were as follows:-

	Male	Female
Total	7	2
Legitimate	5	1
Illegitimate	2	1

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The Infantile Mortality Rate is 51.84.

The Rate for England and Wales is 49.0.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year under review there were 177 cases notified, and were as follows:-

Scarlet Fever.....	19
Whooping Cough.....	36
Diphtheria.....	18
Erysipelas.....	4
Measles.....	89
Pneumonia.....	11

It is interesting to note that of the 18 cases of Diphtheria notified 8 occurred in adults of 15 years or more. The one death recorded from this cause was in a child of 9 years who had not been immunised. The number of cases immunised against Diphtheria during the year was 130, of this total 83 were in the 5 - 15 age group and 47 in the 0 - 5 age group. The percentage of immunised children in the area is 88% in the 5 - 15 age group and 44% in the 0 - 5 age group.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 5 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 2 of non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified.

Pulmonary		non-Pulmonary	
Male	Female	Male	Female
1	4	1	1

There were 3 deaths in the Pulmonary cases 2 male and 1 female. 4 cases were removed from the register during the year as 'Recovered'
1 male and 1 female Pulmonary, and 1 male and 1 female non-Pulmonary.

I am Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

Medical Officer of Health.